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Dear U.S. Food and Drug Administrator,

I am writing to express my concern for the abuse of downed animals in Louisiana. The biggest problem I have with this procedure is the endangering of people's health. The USDA defined these downed animals as "diseased." If an animal is diseased, then the people taking care of the animals, or the people taking the animals to the slaughterhouse, should place the animals aside and give them a less painful death. But no, these sick people are not interested in helping to ease the suffering of sick animals. It is completely wrong to jeopardize the health of human beings.

Another concern of mine is the pain and suffering these animals have to endure. No animal deserves to be put through that much torture. These animals might be hurt, but they are well aware of what is going on. Maybe the animals could be put to death in a less painful way. And after being put to death, if they are undiseased, they could be put to the slaughterhouse.

I hope this problem will be resolved in a healthy and effective way. Thank you for your time and please respond at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

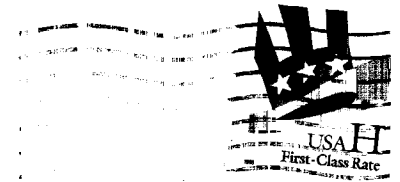


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